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NIAGARA COLLEGE
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RESOURCE CENTRE

Not at Niagara

College fun costs $50,000

College and university student councils will spend huge amounts of money on entertainment this year, but when a meeting of campus talent buyers was held in Toronto on Thanksgiving weekend, Niagara College was not there. The reason—a combined office mixup and date change.

But whatever other institutions may do, Niagara doesn't spend anything like $50,000 a year on entertainment.

Joseph Recchia, chairman of the Canadian Entertainment Conference, was quoted by the Toronto Star as saying that Canadian college and university student councils spend about $10 million annually on talent of all types, and that of 250 post-secondary institutions, "none spends less than $50,000 a year" on pub programming.

Not so at Niagara. The talent budget for pubs here up to mid-December is in the $2,000 range, Jeff Morrison, Student Administrative Council [SAC] vice-president of internal affairs, said.

Recchia, quoted by Star entertainment columnist Sid Adilman, said many of the councils are spending a lot of money without any experience. Adilman said the purpose of the conference was to form nationally to get buyers working together, to protect against booking troubles, to help split booking costs and to swap needed information.

SAC president Dennis Reeves said similar conferences had been held in November in past years and SAC had intended to send a delegate this year.

But notice of the date change was mislaid. When it was discovered, both Dennis and Jeff had other plans and no other SAC member was interested in attending. As a result, Niagara College was not represented in Toronto.

Jeff said he did not know whether the conference "was worthwhile or

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Official sod-turning starts two new Niagara buildings

By MARK TESSIER

Ellis Morningstar, Mel Swart, Alan Pietz, A. S. Manera, Leo Sturgeon, and Herb Burton turned the first sod last Thursday for Niagara's new business and technology building.

Each man had a hand in the six-shovel ceremony.

Dr. Sturgeon, a member of the board of governors, was master of ceremonies. He introduced Ellis Morningstar, former member of the provincial government for Welland riding.

Mr. Morningstar pointed out that it was only eight years ago that the sod was turned for the first of the Niagara College buildings.

At that time, he said, Niagara had only 800 students. Now, with the turning of the sod for the newest building, the college has 10,000 students in total. For this reason, formation of the college and building of an extension are "not a mistake," he said.

Mr. Swart, present member of the provincial government for this riding, said extension of the college will not only help the economy of the Niagara region, but will also make "Niagara College more significant and important in the community."

He added that he would "endeavor to follow in Ellis' (Mr. Morningstar's) footsteps to see that it (Niagara College) is everything it can be."

Welland Mayor Pietz said that it gave him a great sense of pride to be part of the ground-breaking ceremonies, as his son is a graduate of the college and his daughter is attending Niagara at present. Stressing the importance of education for young people, he said, "Niagara is providing a real service, not only to the community, but also to the students."

Mayor Pietz also mentioned that the creation of Niagara College and the provision of essential services for it constituted the main thrust which started the construction of homes in this part of Welland.

Mr. Burton, vice chairman of the board of governors, said he was sorry the chairman of the board, Alex Sharpe, could not attend. He cited Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Manera, college president, and "the wonderful spirit of co-operation between faculty and staff" as the main reasons for the new building's being possible.

Meanwhile, news that the building had been approved was welcomed by Frank Ciccarelli, chairman of the electronic, electrical, chemical and instrumentation division of the School of Technology and technology co-ordinator in planning stages of the new building.

"It will be great to have facilities designed specifically for electronics," he said. "These will be the first permanent labs for the electronics students and they will provide more flexibility in our classes, especially the two multi-purpose labs."

He told the Niagara News the electronics department has six labs now—two in the Voyageur Block and four in the Mackenzie building.

Six official shovels start work on Niagara Colleges two new buildings. [Photo by Tessier]

Pubs threatened again by campus vandalism

By JOHN BRUCE

The recurring problem of vandalism at the Thursday night campus pubs came up yet again at the Oct. 20 Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting.

This time, the vandals tore a sink out of the wall in the men's washroom near the entrance to the cafeteria and pulled a doorknob off one of the doors. A firm cost estimate has not been made as yet, but SAC president Dennis Reeves said, "It might run a couple of hundred dollars."

A.S.Aboud, director of student services, repeated his warning that if vandalism at the pubs doesn't stop, the administration will close down the pubs.

If the pubs are closed, it leaves both SAC and the administration in a very sticky position with the bands that have already been signed to play at the pubs for this semester. They must still be paid whether they play or not. And if pub profits aren't sufficient to cover them, the money will come out of SAC funds: in other words, the treasured $35 that students fork over to Sac at registration.

In other business, SAC decided to put pinball machine profits into a fund to be used for bursaries and charity donations divided on a ratio of 80 to 20 per cent bursary to charity.

Shelley Ward, recording secretary, suggested that the priority for charity donations be given to sup-

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Students in English poorer, or college tougher?

Fewer Niagara students have been exempted from first year English this term than in the past four years, and more than ever before are in remedial English classes.

"It means that the students who are coming are a little worse—maybe," Dennis Malone, chairman of English, said. "Or maybe we're tougher.

"Maybe we're a little more comfortable with our standards and, therefore, a little stickier."

Of first-year students, 10.3 per cent are in study services developmental groups—i.e., getting individualized remedial instruction in English—compared with 7.4 per cent last year. Only 29 per cent of students were exempted this year, compared with 31.8 per cent last.

Mr. Malone said the study service figures represent only those students actually in classes.

"If the figures included all those recommended for study services, it might double," he said.

The percentage enrolled in regular first year English classes remains the same as last year at 60.7.

Mr. Malone pointed to a "significant drop" in the number of business students exempted this year and "a disturbing increase" in the number of technology students referred to developmental groups.

Figures of exemptions for the four schools are:
Applied Arts, 32.06 per cent, compared with 33 per cent last year
Business, 18.37 per cent, compared with 24 per cent
Technology, 17.06 per cent, compared with 12.3
Health Sciences, 53.27 per cent, compared with 54.7 per cent.

Figures of students in developmental groups are:
Applied Arts 6.27, compared with 8.4
Business, 10.46, compared with 8.1
Technology, 15.01, compared with 9.9

The Health Sciences figure is 1.24. No developmental classes are available for nursing students.

First year students are exempted from H-EN-100 on the basis of Grade 13 English standing, university or college English credits, or the college exemption tests.

To be exempted, students must read at a mid-Grade 13 level and write two essays with a grade of 3. Those scoring at the mid-Grade 10 level or higher and receiving a 2 on essays, attend regular H-EN-100 classes.

Mr. Malone said reasons for the lower exemption rate are hard to determine. There are no clear-cut answers.

Asked if the test results meant a deterioration in student quality, he said no statistics are available from 20 years ago and a valid comparison is impossible. There may be some suggestion of lowered admission standards at the college level, particularly with mature students, he said.

"We could be getting an inferior product from the high schools," Mr. Malone said, but added, "Reading levels have not changed; if anything they are a tiny bit higher."

"Teachers could be marking harder and imposing higher

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EDITORIAL

The open door concept of provincial mental hospitals in Ontario, and possibly the hospitals themselves, may come under severe attack within the next little while.

A recent coroner's jury, looking into the suicide death of a patient who signed himself out of one such hospital, has sent a list of recommendations to the Ministry of Health. The foremost recommendation on the list asks for a "complete reassessment of the concept of the 'open door policy.' "

Douglas Lockie, 24, of Scarborough, was a patient of the Whitby hospital -- a hospital with an open door policy. He had a history of mental illness. On Aug. 5, he signed himself out of the hospital and bought a high powered shotgun.

He had assaulted his father and sister in July and threatened to kill his father shortly afterwards. Both times, after he had signed himself out of the hospital. Fortunately, or unfortunately, however you want to look at it, L ockie's family was spared that day. He **only** took his own life.

I wonder about these things when I read them in the paper -- could they have been prevented? was it necessary? The coroner for the investigation, Dr. Margaret Milton, called it "a death which was preventable."She also called it a suicide which could have "so easily turned into a double murder."

This policy of allowing patients to walk out freely seems particularly dangerous to me. The family is not aware that the person they entrusted to the hospital is roaming the streets. The hospital is unable to keep track of patients. The patient can pose a threat to society. More often, though, society can pose a threat to the patient.

It's amazing how quickly things happen after a tragedy. The Ministry of Health or the hospitals never thought to review this policy before this happened.

But now that it has, some future politician with a pained expression will quickly step up and demand revision. Always too late.

Believe it or not, there is a good side to this story. Along with the open door policy recommendation, the coroner's jury is presenting seven others. Most of them charge Ontario mental hospitals with gross imcompetencies. The case of Douglas Lockie is just one example.

This kind of stuff makes first page news and the ministry will now be forced by public pressure to review mental hospitals in Ontario. The good news? Ontario will probably have now the best care for mental patients in Canada. Too late, though, for Douglas Lockie.

Dave Kindy

The United Way

Progressing is everyone pushing in the same direction.

Niagara Peace Movement; impact on foreign policy

By JOHN BRUCE

The world is headed towards Armageddon. All the political, social and economic barometers are pointing toward a coming holocaust. It is this course of events that the peace movements throughout the world, and the Niagara Peace Movement in particular, seek to stop.

In essence, this was the message that Rev. Robert Wright, pastor of All Peoples' Churches in Welland and chairman of the Niagara Peace Movement, brought to the Niagara campus Oct. 17.

Mr. Wright described the thrust of the peace movement as "peaceful change through positive action." This positive action could take the form of a sit-in, demonstrations or petitions.

But this form of action, sometimes called civil disobedience, can result in one's being jailed. Mr. Wright admitted to spending some time in jail for his part in various demonstrations but made no apologies. "If it was good enough for Paul and the Apostles, it's certainly good enough for me," he said.

All actions taken by the peace movement are aimed at making an impact on the thinking of governments and corporations.

"We feel the Niagara Peace Movement has made some impact on Canadian foreign policy," he said. The peace movement has had some effect on ending the Vietnam War and bringing about such treaties as the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Pact and SALT I and SALT II..

"We try to channel the energies of people into positive, rather than negative, destructive action. I want to find positive ways people can act.

"If I was prime minister, I'd have everybody working in six months," Mr. Wright announced. Redistributing the monies now spent on armaments would easily provide the necessary funds to create the needed jobs.

Mr. Wright would also like to see more immigration for Canada. More immigrants would help the country instead of aggravating an already troubled economy.

On the issue of housing, Mr. Wright said he would institute a housing fund drive on the same format as the Victory Bond drives during World War II. Monies raised, plus funds diverted from armaments, would more than cover the cost of putting a decent roof over the heads of all Canadian families.

Mr. Wright described himself as an absolute pacifist. Asked if he would have fought in World War II against the Nazis, he hesitated and said it was a difficult question once a war had started.

When the student persisted, "Would you fight?", Mr. Wright said, "probably yes."

Another student asked, "You say that if you were the prime minister, you'd have everybody working in six months. Could you give us some concrete methods that you would use to achieve this in view of the economic base as it now exists?"

"I think that the methods I outlined to increase housing would apply here as well," Mr. Wright responded.

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BULLPIT

Controls: varied reactions

By JOHN BRUCE

When the prime minister appeared on television to announce his government's plans to combat inflation and bring the economy back under control, he bore the look of a very worried man.

And well he should. After all, he was putting the country under a system of economic controls unheard of outside of wartime.

These controls under which Canadians are now living are basically sound, but they have a number of notable exceptions such as the postal workers. Now there is an exceptional group if there ever was one.

The reactions to the plan are starting to filter in and they are quite predictable. Quebec, as usual, wants to have her own anti—inflation board.

The business community is generally in favor of what the governmen has introduced. But, this sector would have responded favorably to any initiative the government might have made. All it wanted was a sign of some leadership, something the Trudeaucrats have been unable to show up until now.

The provinces, with the excention of the People's Republic of British Columbia, have agreed to go along with the controls. And why not?It gets the provincial governments off the hook in negotiations with their doctors, teachers, civil servants and municipal employees. They can blame Ottawa for the small wage settlements.

And, as usual, Canadian labor has refused to co-operate with the Trudeau controls. Labor, through Joe Morris, CLC president, has said it has no intention of living within the guidelines.

This, of course, is union hypocrisy and irresponsibility at its worst. Labor has been crying to Ottawa for some signs of genuine leadership for months, and now that it has made these moves, labor, in its infinite wisdom, won't co-operate. One could rightly ask, "Just who the hell do they think they are?"

There is a case to be made for the labor reaction. As Mr. Morris pointed out, in many areas of the country the minimum wage is much less than $2.50 an hour. And there is no shortage of corporate Shylocks around.

But now that Trudeau, shocked back into the real world from the unfolding universe by John Turner's resignation, has finally made an effort, we cannot but applaud. Better late than never!

We had hoped that the controls on wage and salary increases would have been based on a sliding scale so that those who make in excess of $40,000 per annum would get no increase, while those on low or fixed incomes would be able to get increases consistent with the rise in the cost of living .

The price control mechanism is basically sound, but could become a quagmire of red tape if not run properly.

We welcome Jean-Luc Pepin back into the federal government. He is an able man who should do an effective job. Mrs. Plumptre, however, might better have gone back to her pots and pans and left the affairs of state to those who know what they're doing, and aren't afraid to speak out if needed.

BULLPIT

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the October 16, 1975 edition of the Niagara News. I am very disappointed in the coverage given to the men's golf team. This year for the first time in the history of Niagara College, our golf team, made up of Lee Kelly, Bob Stuart, Wayne Wiese and Steve Somerville, won the Ontario Colleges Golf Championships. We beat seventeen other community colleges.

There were also two paragraphs of quotes by Mike Sloopka of Connestoga College. I have nothing personally against Mike, but he did shoot 85 - 100 on the two days and finished in 24th place overall. Possibly a few words from the top five finishers, three of whom were from Niagara, and especially something from Alex Bober of Fanshawe, who was low man for the tournament, would have been a bit more appropriate.

Sincerely
Peter L. Rylander
Coordinator of Athletics

The News admits to making a mistake in handling the Niagara College golf team's Ontario Championship. We consider this a great accomplishment for Niagara College athletes and regret that not enough emphasis was given to the report.

It was planned to feature it in the upper left corner of the sports page, but because the team picture did not turn out, the story was switched with another for the sake of make-up.

The News is happy that Mr. Rylander takes pride in his team's accomplishments and that he saw fit to point out this oversight. However, Journalism students are at Niagara to learn the newspaper business—not because they already know it.

Students in a learning situation do make mistakes and will probably make more during the year, but they try to keep them to a minimum—just as the athletic teams at Niagara and all other departments do.

LETTERS

The Niagara News welcomes letters on any subject. Letters should be brief and direct. The editor reserves the right to edit letters to conserve space. All letters must be signed, though a pseudonym may be used for publication if desired.

Fines for SAC exec.

Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive members are going to be fined if they miss meetings without good reason.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, outlined the fines at a SAC meeting Oct. 14. They were passed by a 22 - 0 vote of SAC executives and class representatives who attended the meeting.

An executive member's first absence will cost $5, second consecutive absence $10 and a third consecut -ive absence will mean loss of the member's $40-a-month honorarium.

Dismissal proceedings will be initiated against council members who miss five meetings.

The fines, levied only against executive council members including the president, will not be laid if the member can present a valid explanation for his or her absence.

Valid reasons, said Dennis, will be such things as health, heavy workload, and absence while performing SAC business.Certain special reasons will also be valid.

Only two council members, Jeff Morrison, vice-president of internal affairs and Wally Wynn, vice-president of athletics, were absent from the meeting.

Enjoy Indian Summer while it lasts!

The beauty of a fall day in the Niagara peninsula is caught by a Niagara News photographer. Residents of the Niagara area have been fortunate this year, with another Indian summer. Too soon though, Old Man Winter will have once again covered the colored leaves of autumn with snow. (photo by McKnight)

Open House set for Nov. 16

Niagara College is planning its Open House for Nov. 16 to be held at the Welland campus from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Last year the annual Open House was held Oct. 20. This marks the second year the college has held Open House in the autumn instead of the spring.

Myron Kukla, college information officer who is helping organize the event, said the Open House was moved to November this year to allow more time to prepare. "We found everybody was rushed last year."

All departments of the college participate. Mr. Kukla said everything is running smoothly this year. All major college services will also be in operation. The cafeteria, on a limited basis, library and audio-visual services will be open to all. Audio—visual services will participate in some events.

At press time, all events were not set. There will be a Niagara College basketball game and the school of retraining will set up its display in the cafeteria.

"We usually have close to 1,000 people," said Mr. Kukla, "but it all depends. If a new building has opened we attract more."

Discrimination

Men make the switch at Niagara

By CAROL MCKNIGHT

Discrimination against women in colleges and in today's society as a whole has long been an issue in the media. As women, now more than ever, are beginning to take arms against a society that has been male-dominated for longer than anyone can remember, men are slowly seeing themselves either being forced or, of their own choice, entering traditionally female roles. As well, women are quickly moving into traditionally male roles.

At Niagara College the switch-over, especially for the males, has been slow in coming. But gradually more and more males are heading into traditionally female roles.

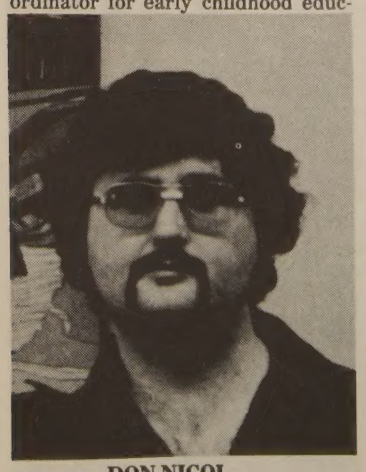
Don Nicol, only male student in early childhood education, is an example of males slowly but surely streaming into traditionally female courses.

Speaking of job prospects in the future, Don said, "I think the fact that there aren't many males in this field, might make it a bit easier for me, but I don't think it will be very easy for anyone because there are a large number of colleges with this course."

Men in the early childhood program, if not more important, are equally as important as females, he said.

"Children do need both the male and female to interact with," Don said.

Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator for early childhood education, said, "because in day care centres the majority of children have no fathers in their homes, I think if we had male teachers we'd have a father image for the younger children."



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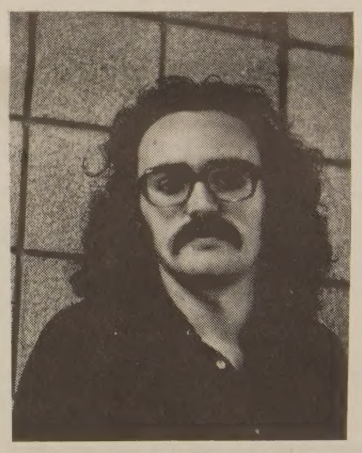


MARK HILL

Male students are encouraged by Mrs. Hamilton to enter into the course.

Robert Bowman, library research technician program co-ordinator, said he encourages males no more or no less than he does females.

"I try to encourage students into the program, not one sex or another," he said.

Mr. Bowman said, "they've always been in minority for this course."

Mr. Bowman said the librarian profession is one which is usually thought of as a female profession and that 80 per cent of the profession is made up of females. He said one possible reason for this is that the salaries are not very high.

One advantage Mr. Bowman said he could see that the male would have over the female in this type of work would be the physical aspect of it, because, he said, there is a fair bit of physical work in the library.

Mark Hill is the only male student in library technician. "I'd never considered it as a traditionally female role before. I was quite surprised when I came here to find I was the only male in the class.

"I imagine I'll be hired on my abilities," said Mark, speaking of his possibilities in getting a job. Mark said he did not feel there was any discrimination in the classroom and was sure there would be none in the working world.

Dental Assistant program co-ordinator Mary Bondarchuk said during the life of the dental assistants program at Niagara, no males have ever applied.

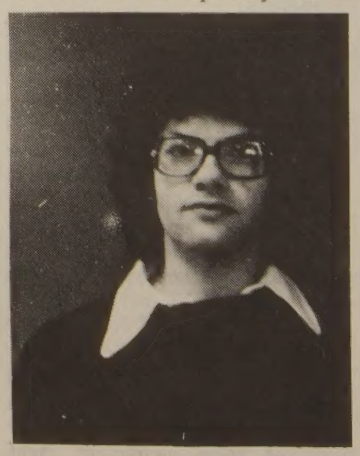
"I think one reason why boys haven't ever entered in this, is it's not the best paying job at all," said Mrs. Bondarchuk. Mrs. Bondarchuk said there were male dental assistants in larger clinics, but that in smaller, private offices and public health services, dental assistants were usually female.

Mrs. Bondarchuk said if a male ever did apply to the dental assistants course, "I wouldn't discourage him because he was a boy, but because of the job opportunities. I don't think it's practical."

Margaret Freeman, chairman for secretary-legal, said there were two males in the course, but both of them quit before completing it.

"We're very pleased to accept them," she said. Mrs. Freeman said she felt there were opportunities for male secretaries "in politics especially."

Mrs. Freeman said society had been conditioned into thinking a secretary should be female and it was difficult to change this. She indicated it was especially difficult when not even one per cent of the secretaries in the working world are males.



JUSTIN GILL

Marie Bramble, program co-ordinator for fashion arts, said while there are no male student in the course they do not discourage males from entering.

Mrs. Bramble said "males move forward faster," and employers wanted more males in the field.

Paul Firlotte, program co-ordinator of Interior Design, said, "We seem to have appealed more to the girls because we've talked of the course being interior decorating rather than interior design."

Mr. Firlotte said there are now, and have in the past, been many males in the course.

"We can place a male student much more readily than we can a female student." One reason he gave was that employers may think a male student would stay with the company longer than a female would.

In the interior design industry itself Mr. Firlotte said he thought the percentage of males of females was equal.

Justin Gill, one of four male students in second year interior design, said he had never thought of the course as being a traditionally female one.

Of his job prospects, Justin said, "It just depends if you're a good designer, if you've had good training. I don't think they (the employers) will look at whether you're a man or a woman."

Bumblebee poet Rosenblatt reads to students and staff

By MARK TESSIER

"Poetry has to have a supernatural element or else it becomes a political document," says Toronto poet Joe Rosenblatt. And no one who attended his Oct. 17 reading could accuse him of writing government propaganda.

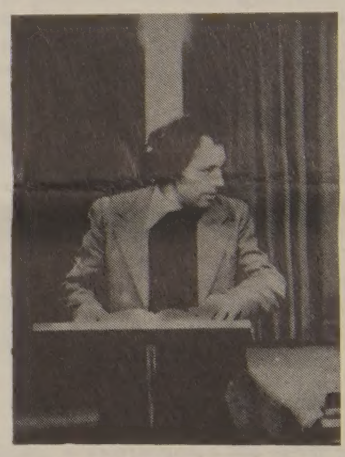
The reading, from his book Bumblebee Dithyramb, was attended by about 35 students and faculty in Simcoe 107.

Most of Mr. Rosenblatt's poetry deals with nature and his own fantasies about nature. He sees the bumblebee for instance, as "choking with sex."

He mentioned that social realists had called him irresponsible for not writing about the problems of the working class and some other people had simply labelled him a crackpot. To these he answered, "I don't really give a damn."

Unlike other poets, whose poetry is contained within the meaning of the words, Mr. Rosenblatt's work is not confined to the page. It reaches its full value when it is read aloud.

By choosing words which make a certain noise when read, Mr. Rosenblatt is able to help the listener visualize the topic of the poem. This is done very effectively



JOE ROSENBLATT

in the poem, Tribal Rhythm, in which the droning sound of the bumblebee is recreated through the repetition of the word "rhythm."

He attributes his style to Emily Dickinson, who he says has influenced every latter-day poet.

Asked why he writes about bumblebees and eggs and frogs and such, Mr. Rosenblatt replied, "You can't expect an alienated human being to write about people; he writes about plants and animals."

URANIUM DEPOSIT

The western world's largest uranium deposit was discovered at Elliot Lake in 1952.

Richard Hoover[right] takes a break from his wheelchair with a classmate. (Photo by Delaney)

Handicapped student

Wheelchair on ramp, can the twain meet?

By BEV DELANEY

For Richard Hoover, either the parking lot or the main building at Niagara College have been misplaced and four construction technician students are working to correct the situation. Richard, 26, is a mechanical drafting technician student and dependent on a wheelchair.

Strictly speaking, the main building complex has been designed with the handicapped student in mind. There is ramp and elevator access to every section of the building and even washrooms are accomodating. The architects may have forgotten the human factor, though. The human factor is the one that concerns Richard.

The ramp into the main complex is through the Tecumseh Centre entrance. To reach this, a wheelchair must cross the service entrance bridge and a long stretch of sidewalk. Returning students will know that in icy winter this can be a navigational feat to rival Magellan -- on wheels, an impossibility. In good weather, the trip to the Voyageur block is still quite long and tiring.

A reserved parking area for handicapped staff and students has been set aside outside the Voyageur building. Unfortunately, all the nearby entrances have steps.

Various solutions have been suggested. Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, states that his staff does "the best possible job" with ice and snow on the bridge and sidewalks. He is bound both by budget and manpower considerations.

It is possible for Richard to enter the building by the Radio TV service entrance but the door only opens outward. A buzzer system connected to the switchboard was suggested by Bruce Tallon,of counselling services. This was impracticable because the operator would have to leave her post to open the door.The door cannot be left open for security reasons.

The four-man construction technician team -- Ken Wilson, Brent Sather, Bill Bacon and Chuck Badger -- are working to design a ramp at the counselling service entrance. A ramp would give Richard quick easy access to the Voyageur block where his classes are held. To date, his most pressing problem has been plain fatigue. By the time classes are finished, so is he.

Even a five per cent grade can be insurmountable and if there is no one available to push, Richard is stuck at the bottom of a ramp.

While he is anxious to have an early solution to his access problem, Richard enjoys college life. He came to Niagara for retraining through the Workmen's Compensation board. A licensed mechanic he injured his back at work in July 1974.

His main enemy is time. He must get up at 6 a.m. to drive from Port Colborne in time to get ready for classes. A full school day is still very tiring and Richard usually sleeps six hours after he gets home. Added homework means a topsy turvy home life for Richard, who is married.

Construction of a wheelchair ramp at the counçelling services entrance will go a long way to making life at Niagara more comfortable for Richard. So far, there is only one blot on the Niagara copy book. One student refused to help saying he "didn't want to get involved." Otherwise, fellow students can sometimes be seen speeding through the halls in a borrowed wheelchair.

Division reps are elected

Division representatives to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) were elected at the Oct. 14 general meeting.

Representatives who act as liaison between SAC and the student body include Jerry Kerekes, Guy Rapone and Gary Mannell, School of Technology and Applied Science;

Steve Jackson and Wayne Keenan, School of Business;

July Cross, Larry Cornier and Anna Borsella, School of Applied Arts

Barb Woods, the School of Health Sciences.

The representatives are to attend all SAC general meetings and report to SAC any problems from their respective schools.They may vote on issues brought up at SAC meetings.

Nurses win!

Mack Centre nurses have won their fight with the Student Administrative Council, (SAC) over the size of their budget allocation.

On Oct. 8, the nurses presented a projected budget of $4,900 but, at its Oct. 14 meeting, SAC was willing to give them only $4,500.

During the week, the nurses protested and at the Oct. 20 meeting, SAC gave in.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, announced that the nurses would receive the full amount requested, $4,900.

Consumers more aware, Roseman tells students

"Consumers unite," was the message Ellen Roseman, consumer reporter for the Toronto Globe and Mail, offered Niagara College consumer study students Thursday Oct. 9.

Author of the book "Consumers Beware. A guide book of consumers rights and remedies in Canada," Miss Roseman's book is being used by Niagara College consumer study classes as a text.

She warned consumers,"Don't believe promises, especially if it's fast talking salesman. See it in writing. Always compare, don't just get the first thing you see. You've got to be very skeptical, never take anything on faith. Check credentials, check out the business with the Better Business Bureau. Forget about being nice, be aware. You have nothing to lose but your bills."

"Producers don't always have consumers in mind," she said. Miss Roseman described consumers as being two generations. The first one where persons read reports, compare prices and then buy the produce. The second generation would be one where consumers put pressure on the government and government agencies to set up certain standards so the producer would re-emburse the consumer who may purchase a product which is not up to standards.

Consumers have definitely become more aware in the last few years," said Miss Roseman. "Media is more involved; politicans are more involved."

Miss Roseman first took an interest in consumer studies six years ago when she landed a job with McLean Hunter Publishing Company. Part of her job was to report on retailing in trade retail. From there, she moved to the Financial Post, a branch of McLean Hunter, where she again spent most of her time reporting on "retailing, marketing and consumers."

"I got more interested in the consumer end of it," she said.

After three years with McLean Hunter, Miss Roseman decided to take time off to write a book. Upon completion of her book, she went to work for the Toronto Star, and then to the Globe and Mail. As well as holding her position on the Globe and Mail, Miss Roseman does free lance reporting for CBC.

Metrication at Niagara, an expensive venture

One-hundred dollars, plus, per student, will be the price of metrication for Niagara College.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has "stimulated" all the community colleges to head towards total metrication.

All colleges have metric co-ordinators, with Bernard Harrison representing Niagara. The co-ordinators met this spring to pool ideas on the best methods of achieving metrication in the community college. These ideas were taken to the various college presidents for approval.

The target date for complete metication at Niagara has been set for Sept.1, 1976.

Mr.Harrison said that although it is called metrication it is really based on the International System (SI) which differs slightly.

The colleges were asked by the ministry to send in cost estimates on converting to SI in their colleges, which was due in June, 1975. This changeover covers things such as signs, equipment and books. A rough estimate at Niagara was a little more than $100 per student.

Mr. Harrison said that the cost of the changeover for smaller colleges such as Niagara is greater than for the larger colleges. This is due, he said, to the fact a small college with fewer students must have the same equipment for teaching as a large college.

Niagara also has a metrication committee, comprised of: Bernard Harrison, applied science; Miss Linda Willms, health sciences; John Russel, business; Mrs. Beverly Brown, applied arts; C.S.Yeager, retraining; Steven Kees, library.

Educational Resource Technican students are involved in the awareness project through bulletin boards, handouts and displays.

A progress report sent out by Mrs. Brown says "three metric awareness days are being planned for the college."

In January, 1976, Mr. Harrison and the committee must report to the ministry on how things are proceeding at Niagara.

Mr. Harrison can be seen periodically in front of the library showing new films on metrication which he does to "try and stir up people" on metrication.

On Nov. 7, at 8 p.m., George W. Slee, task force manager, construction metric commission, Ottawa, will lead a seminar at Niagara in Hamilton Hall building on Moving to Metric Measures.

New, faster copier in Niagara library

The case of the yawning maw in the library copying machine will be solved, shortly, according to Ed Thompson, building maintenace supervisor.

The machine now in the library is a new model which will be faster than the old and also provide change automatically. It will also require more power to operate.

But the space normally occupied by the copying mechanism is empty pending the new power supply. The machine has been out of operation for the past four weeks.

"The machine came sooner than anticipated," said Gary Kitchen, manager of duplicating and printing services.

Interior design increase plays havoc with timetables

It's been like a game of musical chairs trying to fit 12 extra students in.

More students than expected enrolled in the Interior Design program this year and posed a problem: too many students for too little space.

A great shuffling ensued -- of timetables, students and classrooms -- a solution seems to have been found: Interior Design take over room 204 in the Simcoe building and classes assigned to that room move to Portable one or to other rooms in the Simcoe building.

Paul Firlotte, program co-ordinator for interior design, said 40 first year and 22 second year students were enrolled, 12 more than the previous maximum of 30 first year and 20 second year.

"Due to the type of specialized work and the facilities, they must have a studio-like effect where they have all their equipment right there," said Mr. Firlotte.

Because it is necessary for each student to have a desk, as well as a drawing board to be shared by every two students, an extra room became imperative, he added.

David Davies, chairman of human development and co-ordinator of timetabling, said the only solution seemed to be to put interior design students in and move classes scheduled there "into what originally was a combined office space."

Before this was done, however, they were fitted into available rooms in the Simcoe building. "And there weren't very many of them," said Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies said the changes involved were "horrendous, horrible and confusing to everyone." Some electives, a few English classes and social science classes have been moved into the portable.

Mr. Davies said classes will be rearranged in January, and this should eliminate confusion.

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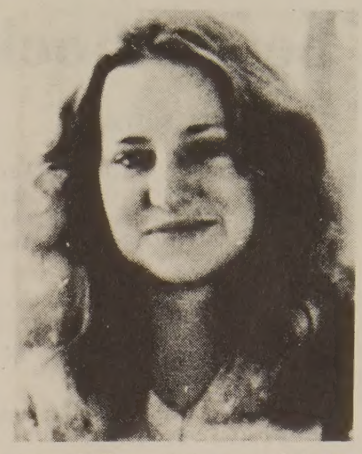
Roving Reporter:

What does SAC mean?

By CAROL McKNIGHT and ERIC BOWMAN

Bob Watkinson, first year Mechanical Drafting:"No, I can't remember. I can't remember any part of it."



Judy Holler, first year Interior Design: "Yes. Student Council. Student Administrative Council."

Jane Caldwell, first year Specialized Secretary: "No, no. Not at all."

Lou Appel, Electrical Instructor: "Yeah. Student Administrative Council."

Julie Cross, first year Secretarial Arts:"Student Athletic Council?"

ON SATURDAYS

Radio-TV students take over at CHOW

Second year Niagara College Radio—TV students are producing the show at CHOW every other Saturday night from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

These students do the writing, technical and hosting work for their program. The only thing they do not control is the final editorial say, "which is fine with us," said Stu Black, instructor, radio and TV arts.

About 25 students, most of them radio oriented, are, or will be, involved in this project.

The radio and TV division was approached by CHOW owner Gord Burnett during the summer and the agreement was "firmed up" on Sept. 1.

Mr. Black said Mr. Burnett has indicated he expects a few mistakes at the start and has so far been non—commital as far as any other reaction.

Niagara rotates with Brock University on Saturday nights. Brock supplies only the disc jockey on its turn, but it does not have a formal radio course, Mr. Black said.

One student who did the news cast will probably get a steady job in the station doing the news, the instructor said.

Mr. Black said the experience students get does not only give them practical training but it will also help them when they apply for a job.

The project supplies a "great promotion vehicle" for the college, he said. Persons or groups who want to promote various functions need only contact the radio - TV department and make their request for air time.

One student of Niagara already has a steady job at CHOW. Howard Shurgold, whose air name of Terry James, is the disc jockey every Monday through Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

SAC takes the hint, pub passes back again

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is imposing a policy of guest passes for visitors to Niagara College pub nights --- a move it hopes will curb rising complaints about pub admission procedure.

The new policy will make student identification cards compulsory for admission. People attending may also be asked to show proof of age.

The guest pass system will allow only 50 guests to attend pubs and will be available only at the SAC office on Rice Road at Woodlawn.

Each guest pass will be numbered and will correspond to a number on a master sheet. The guest must be accompanied by a card-holding Niagara student although not necessarily the one who signed him in, and must show identification and proof of age.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, said guest passes were necessary because of complaints from Ontario Liquor Licensing Board inspectors, students and parents.

He added "if this continues we'll lose our licence."

A Theatre Arts student in the audience at the meeting Oct. 14 told SAC that because of their late schedule, they were unable to get to the pubs before 10 o'clock. The student said they weren't allowed in at that time. Dennis said he would take the matter to Fred Bassi, pub manager.

Also announced at the meeting was a special rise in the pub prices of 50 cents for one night-- Dec. 11-- because of the higher cost of Max Webster's band, $600.

Game show format in English A/V aid

By CAROL MCKNIGHT

"Up Your Grammar," is the title of a videotape recently produced by two Niagara College teachers, Brian Green and Paul Davoud.

Done as an assignment for the English department by Mr. Green with the assistance of Mr. Davoud, it will be shown to the department before any more are produced. The department will decide if more should be made and what changes or suggestions should be carried out.

Mr. Green said the films "aren't to be used to replace teachers," but rather as resource material for students having problems in a certain area of English.

The film starts off with a game show approach in which two contestants unscramble words within a certain time limit, for a set amount of money. The contestants do manage to unscramble the words but, because they leave out an apostrophe, they do not win the money.

The show then breaks for a message from the English department, explaining the proper use of the apostrophe.

"It's entertainment as well as a lesson," said Mr. Green. "The film makes them (the lessons) a little bit easier to take."

"We're making use of existing materials and personnel, so it's not costing anything," he added.

The film was taped in the college TV studio by TV students.

"Other community colleges have shown interest and enthusiasm for the same idea," said Mr. Green, naming colleges such as St. Lawrence in Kingston, and Confederation in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Green said he and Mr. Davoud are "playing with the idea" of making and copywriting films for other lessons in English punctuation.

Hanging Delayed

OTTAWA—Solicitor-General Warren Allmand has indicated that none of the nine death sentences imposed by the courts will be carried out or commuted before parliament deals with a bill to abolish capital punishment.

Three stays of execution until next July 15 were issued to give parliament time to debate an abolition bill expected to be introduced before the end of the year.

Mr. Allmand indicated that judges may be empowered to impose longer mandatory sentences, without parole, for murder and that murder may be categorized in a different way.

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A silhouetted YMCA gymnastics instructor demonstrates fundamental trampoline skills. (Photo by Tessier)

Niagara gym home for hopeful gymnasts

Eighty-seven children between six and 13 are using the Niagara College gymnasium to take part in a Welland YMCA-sponsored gymnastics class.

Two groups of 40 children use the gym Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30. These youngsters are taking part in the program on a recreational basis only as they are still in the beginner stage, says program leader Jean Beatty.

But seven girls will go into competition soon because of their quick advancement in the class which started during the summer.

As there is no gymnasium at the Welland YMCA, the Niagara gym is used. In return, the college has obtained a number of memberships to the YMCA which may be used by any member of the college community by contacting the physical education department.

250 members

Nutgrowing for fun, profit interest of SONG

By DAVE KINDY

It might cause a hearty guffaw but SONG is no joke.

It is the Society of Ontario Nut Growers, no wacko organization, but a group of some 250 people from all over Ontario who are interested in the growing of nut trees.

Doug Campbell, chairman of extension development for the School of Technology, is a member of the society and editor of the SONG News, the club newsletter. In the letters, articles range from the where, wehn and how of nut planting to the nutritional values of nuts.

"In this day and age of natural food kicks, nuts are quite good health-wise," he said. "Their health benefits are various.

"Pound for pound, many nuts have 50 per cent more protein than red meat. Peanuts have twice as much as meat."

Most nut products offer a variety of vitamins and minerals. Iron, calcium, phosphorous, and vitamin A and B are just some of the things found in nuts.

An interesting oddity is that one of the men to discover the nutritional values was Dr. Harvey Kellogg, brother of W.K. Kellogg of corn flakes fame.

"Both gentlemen were very interested in the nutritional value of foods," Mr. Campbell said. "Dr. Kellogg founded the Health Centre at Battle Creek." His brother started the company that "brings the best to you each morning."

Last year, Canada imported $67 million worth of nuts. Most of that came from the United States, grown in areas with similar climates to Southern Canada.

Growing nut trees in the Niagara area could be economically feasible to the private homeowner. One or two trees in the backyard will offer excellent shade when mature and inexpensive produce.

"For the private homeowner, a nut tree offers good shade and a nourishing food crop," Mr. Campbell said.

"Nuts can be very expensive to buy now. Pecans, for example, cost about $3 a pound.

"If people realize that, when their favorite elm tree dies, instead of replacing it with a 'useless' tree, they could plant a nut tree.

"All nut trees make acceptable shade trees. They're sturdy, don't drop branches and offer the food crop."

Not only can a nut tree save money but it can also make it, too. A mature English walnut tree can yield up to 175 pounds of nuts. At $3 a pound, it could bring $500 a season.

THREE MAJOR TRIBES

Three major Indian groups lived in what is now Ontario when white explorers first arrived. They were the Chippewa, the Huron and the Iroquois.

B-ball Knights dunk Loyalist

Niagara's basketball Knights opened their exhibition schedule here Oct. 17 with a 72-52 win over Loyalist College, Belleville.

Sloppy offensive play was displayed by both teams. Niagara won the game, however, on the strength of their defensive rebounding which limited the Loyalist attackers to one shot each time down the floor. Tom Boese and Brian Johnson were especially strong on the boards.

Dave Culmer of Loyalist led all scorers with 21 points. Team-mate Ken Fairbank added 12. Johnson headed the Niagara attack with 16, while Larry Dance had 10 and Boese, Dave Zalba and Wayne Wiese each added eight.

SPORTS

Pub profit uses proposed

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is looking into the various options open to it with profits from this year's pubs.

The options discussed at the SAC meeting Oct. 14 were to establish a bursary fund, set up a building fund for a new SAC building which would be owned by the students, open a separate SAC account or donate to charity.

SAC is favoring the new building proposal. Executive vice-president Adam Macsai said, "A new building would be beneficial for all students." The proposed building would allow dances, club parties, club meetings and film nights. SAC members feel the building would pay for itself.

The building would be financed from future pubs because previous profits must be used to meet the Liquor licence Board of Ontario (LLBO) requirements in the current pubs.

SAC president Dennis Reeves said the building fund could be initiated this year and continued until sufficient funds were accumulated.

Good training helps

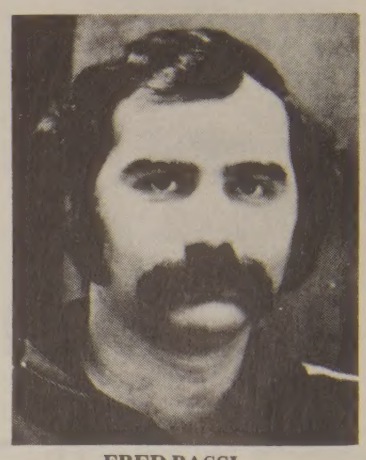
A graduate of the Interior Design program at Niagara College has been selected for a position with The Bay in Toronto over nine other applicants.

John Kazmir, who graduated last spring, began work as a designer trainee Oct. 15.

Paul Firlotte, Interior Design program co-ordinator, said Michael Williams, who chose Mr. Kazmir for the job, said he was most impressed by the training Mr. Kazmir had received at Niagara as compared to that of some of the other applicants.

Coach Bassi predicts better hockey season

By ERIC BOWMAN



FRED BASSI

The Niagara Knights hockey team opens regular season play Saturday night at 8:15 when they play host to Conestoga at the Welland arena.

The Knights are coming off a 3-14-3 record in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) play and a 6-17-3 record overall.

Coach Fred Bassi feels the team will be better this year.

"We are a better team," he said. "There is more desire and overall ability than last year. Just because we have a better team doesn't mean we will have a better record, but I think we will." He warned that other teams in the league may have improved as well.

Returning from last year's team are Ron Snider, Darte Miller, George Hicks, Bob Tysen, Bill Brown, Ed Sherwood and Bob Buckner.

Snider, a defenceman, will be the Knights' captain. Mr. Bassi said, "He ranks with the better defencemen in the league."

Darte Miller and George Hicks are also defencemen. Bob Buckner is a defensive-minded left winger. Bob Tysen will be moved from right wing to centre this year because as Mr. Bassi said, "I think he would adapt better to the centre position."

The coach is expecing good things from right winger Bill Brown who averaged a goal a game over the last six games last season. He has enjoyed similar sucess in pre-season play this year.

Two newcomers to the Knights are Norm Lalonde, a defenceman who has had two years' experience with the Welland Sabres and Doug Ness who was with the Niagara Falls Canucks last season.

Mr. Bassi, in his sixth season as coach, feels Niagara's toughest competition will be St. Clair, Fanshawe, Sheridan and Humber.

"These teams are always tough," he said. "We've got to beat them but to beat St. Clair will be a good task."

Coach Bassi stresses an offensive brand of hockey because as he said, "You've got to be a helluva team to be defensive." This doesn't mean the Knights will neglect defence this year. "Our goalie Ed Sherwood gained valuable experience last year and should improve this year," he added.

"OCAA hockey is on par with junior "B" at least," Mr. Bassi said. "If we could practise more often our league could give junior "A" tier two, a good battle." The OCAA has seen pros Jim Sherrit of the Houston Aeros, Keith Kokkola of the Denver Spurs and Del Hall of the Phoenix Roadrunners graduate from the league. Sherrit, Kokkola and Hall are graduates of Canadore and St. Clair respectively.

Niagara and Conestoga have an even record over their five-year rivalry. It should be an exciting game. Mr. Bassi said, "We're gong to have to beat them as a stepping stone to beating St. Clair."

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Safety van visits NC, 90 attend

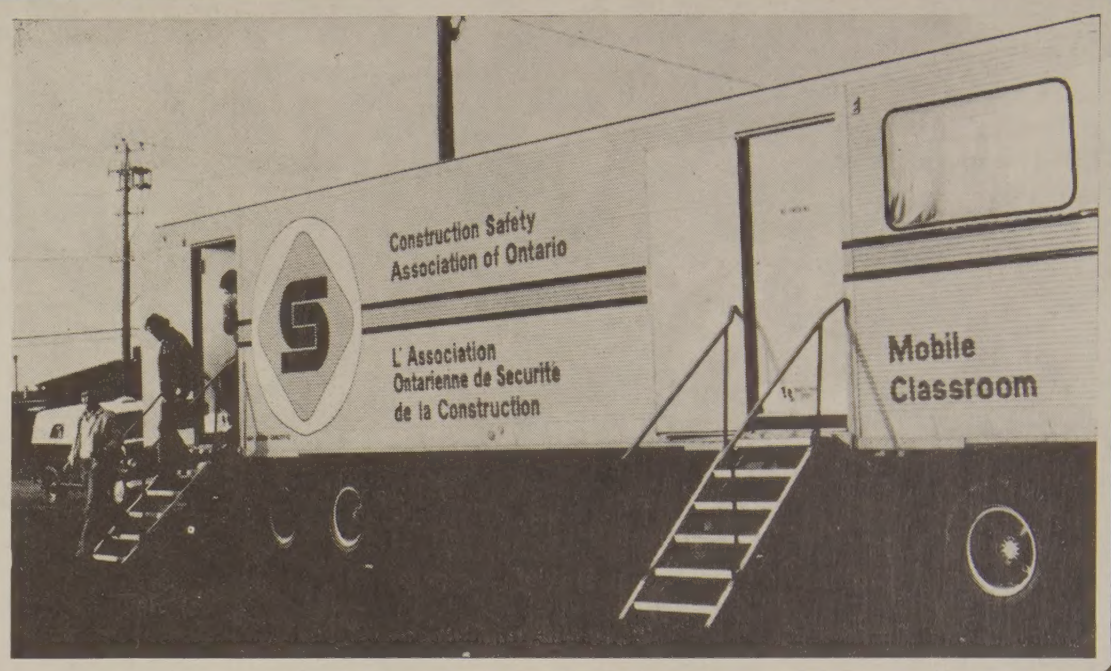
About 90 technology students were given information on construction safety techniques during a visit of the Construction Safety Association mobile safety van Tuesday Oct. 14.

The van's visit to Niagara was arranged by Hans Miethig, co-ordinator of the Construction Technician program.

The counsellors in the van showed films, gave handouts and described safety conditions and accident prevention to the students who attended the lectures during the day.

John Blogg, one of the counsellors said the van is sponsored by the Workmen's Compensation Board of Association of Ontario and the ministry of labor. Each provides funds for two vans operating in Ontario.

He said the van's visits in Ontario are part of a labor-management blitz throughout the province. It is the accumulation of meetings between labor and managment held once a month.



University criticism sparks controversy

By ROB POTTER

A symposium held earlier this month at York University in Toronto has brought controversy and charges of inaccurate reporting of the facts in a speech made during the event.

John B. Macdonald, executive director of the Council of Ontario Universities, spoke at the symposium Oct. 9. He was quoted the next day in the Toronto Globe and Mail as having made an eight-point list of suggestions to Ontario's universities urging them to raise their standards of education and admission.

A letter to the editor of the Globe and Mail from Macdonald appeared in the newspaper Oct. 21 claiming that the report was "inaccurate and misleading."

Dr. Alan Earp, president of Brock University, said in a telephone interview with the Niagara News that he disagreed with Mr. Macdonald as he was quoted in the Globe and Mail but felt that the article was not completely in context.

"Usually these symposiums are an inward look at universities by universities and therefore can be very self-critical," he said. "I think perhaps the Globe and Mail reporter should have taken that into account."

A.S.Manera, president of Niagara College, said that he agreed with Macdonald's comments at the symposium, saying, "it makes sense as a long-term suggestion, but our problem is where we would put all the extra students."

According to the Globe and Mail reporter, Mr. Macdonald said many students attending Ontario universities would be better off in community colleges.

"The universities are doing many things the colleges could do better ... the problem lies mainly in the universities, not the colleges," he was quoted as saying.

The suggestions listed in the newspaper stated that Mr. Macdonald urged the universities to insist that high schools provide "uncompromising discipline" especially in English and mathematics in the final years, refuse to allow first year university to be used as an aptitude test and encourage ill-prepared students to go elsewhere.

He also said they must stop promoting professors by seniority, restore respect for university leadership and grant leaders authority to make decisions and refuse to accept the greatest burden to provide compensating education for students handicapped by poor financial and family backgrounds.

The Globe and Mail report also said Mr. Macdonald called for the universities to resume evaluations of students and faculty and stop abusing academic tenure (security against arbitrary dismissal of faculty members), but in his letter Mr. Macdonald denied both statements.

Mr. Macdonald did not, however, deny any of the other suggestions as they were reported.

"I was urging the universities, in these times of financial stringency, to give high priorty to their central purpose - the maintenance of high quality in teaching and research," the letter said.

Mr. Macdonald did not deny reports that he called for an end to "bull sessions" which he said are treated as educational. He did not specify what the term meant, however.

Other speakers at the symposium were also critical of university education as it exists in Ontario.

Claude Bissell, former president of the University of Toronto said government philosophy on universities "is one by which higher education consists of cellophane-wrapped goodies available to all at bargain prices," according to the Toronto Star article on the symposium.

Another speaker, Reva Gerstein of the Ontario Council of University Affairs was quoted as saying the universities spend too much time worrying over their budgets instead of providing leadership. All the speakers seemed to touch on that subject according to the reports.

Need welfare cuts says Tory MP

OTTAWA—Major welfare spending cuts are essential to stop inflation, Progressive Conservative MP Jack Murta argued as the Commons debated the government's anti-inflation program.

The Manitoba farmer said the combined impact of medical care insurance, unemployment benefits, development grants and other social measures have placed an unbearable burden on the economy.

"We'll continue to have inflation until those programs which the government calls the cornerstone of its social policy are brought within our means," he said.

"All forms of welfare programs have to be looked at," he said.

Health advice on hall displays

Have you got those old school-daze blues? Surprise! It's good for you, says a pamphlet on stress from the Ontario government.

Healthy Ways to Handle Stress is one of a large selection of health information pamphlets available through the health sciences school displays in Hennepin Hall and the Simcoe Building.

There are pamphlets and brochures covering various health concerns. The Canadian Dental Association offers tips for keeping that sexy smile. The Canadian Cancer Society has a pamphlet which answers common questions about cancer. There is advice on how to kick the smoking habit. Fitness, Fun and Old Man Winter, and Colds, the Flu and Old Wives' Tales, may give the clues to making all those winter parties sans Kleenex box.

VD, a brochure from the federal department of health and welfare, gives the detailed facts about a growing health problem. A booklet from Metropolitan Life offers information on the care and prevention of emergencies.

There are a number of miscellaneous publications dealing with other health fields. Several pamphlets are available in the French language.

SMALL FARMS

Farms in Ontario cover one-twelfth of the province and average 162 acres in size.

New library study area for teacher research

The little-used cloakroom of the resource centre will have a new look before Christmas. The area—next to the check-out desk—will be turned into a faculty reading room.

Arranged by the faculty professional development committee with the help of Stephen Kees, senior librarian, it will be equipped with books, periodicals and furniture, all at no extra cost to the college.

Michael Collins, English instructor co-ordinating development of the room, explained what the project hoped to achieve.

"Furniture, books and periodicals are going to be put together to provide a quiet area for intellectual growth," he said.

"The faculty will still use the rest of the resource centre. We hope that many of them will take advantage of this special area which will contain books on teaching methods, educational psychology and related materials."

He felt the faculty needed a quiet place for serious work. When an instructor has research to do, there are few places at the college that offer quiet surroundings for concentration.

Mr. Kees said a teacher approached him some time ago and said there was a problem. "About the same time, a man from technology also came to me and said, 'I have this material, what can I do with it?'

"I realized that this space could be made available. It had been previously occupied by the Hotel people. They had a few desks there but have moved them to Niagara Falls."

Mrs. Eleanor Snider, chairman of the committee, emphasized that the room was not intended to separate teachers from students nor to give teachers a room of their own, but rather to give them a quiet study area for self-improvement and self-development.

"What we are mainly concerned with is improvement of teaching techniques," she said. "This room won't be anything special and we're not trying to be separate. It will be a room that is not a lounge—a place for teachers to go when they have important work."

The room will be decorated with several chairs and coffee tables—all coming from donations or college furniture not being used. Subscriptions to the Globe and Mail, Financial Post, Medical Post and Psychology Today will be made available. As in the rest of the library, no smoking or drinking will be allowed.

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Frost is on the pumpkin

Choosing the right pumpkin for Halloween is a big task for these two youngsters and their father.
(Photo by Delaney)

A gourmet's heaven supplied

By BEV DELANEY

The Terrace Cafe at the Skylon often resembles a gourmet's heaven as dining room service students toss caesar salads, flame cherries jubilee and learn to bone and serve Dover sole.

Frozen daiquiris, grasshoppers and pink ladies color the atmosphere when they study the art of bartending.

Niagara College retraining courses in dining room service and food preparation have moved to winter quarters in the Skylon Tower for the convenience of Niagara Falls students. Other students continue to attend the Wellandvale retraining facility in St. Catharines.

It is the dining room service students who learn to serve the most complicated dishes at table side and to master a 40-drink bar repertoire.

Most dining room service students are women though there is a rare male.Graduates are fully qualified to handle both lounge and dining room positions.

Food preparation students learn all the basics of quantity cooking. In their 20-week course they practise every conceivable dish from perfect hamburgers and french fries to tournedos.

Braising, roasting, poaching and frying are among the techniques studied. Baking instruction is given at Wellandvale in Danish and French pastries, breads and rolls.

Part of a cook's repertoire is a good dessert and the students learn the preparation of every type from baked alaska to pies and sundaes.

A highlight is buffet preparation with glazed, poached chaud-froid ham and all the salads on the menue.

At the Skylon, the retraining students operate the Terrace Cafe, serving staff only and the occasional guest.Prices are modest, with prime rib of beef at $1.50.As the students gain practice and confidence, breakfast will be added to the menu.

Both Charles Grant, dining room service instructor, and John McCabe, food preparation instructor agree that the courses help to upgrade the level of service in the food service industry.

"It's a very rewarding job,(especially) when you look at students who take their place in society," Mr. Grant said.

Food preparation graduates are eligible to apply for 950 hours credit towards the 2,000 hour, three year course required for a cook apprentice. Graduates of dining room service are usually employed as waitresses but may advance quickly because of their extensive training.

The Skylon retraining program is a joint venture of Niagara College and Canada Manpower. The typical student, according to Manpower's R. W. Masswohl, might be a woman who wants to re-enter the work force or a young person kept off the labor market by a lack of job skills.

Neither course has an educational prerequisite.

Response to theprogram is not as great as Canada Manpower would like and the possibility of more specialty courses such as bartending is being investigated, Mr. Masswohl said.

"The local industry in good years, is hard to satisfy."

Year-round employment is not always possible for retraining graduates but they form a pool of trained people necessary to the tourist industry.

"Changing travel patterns and conventions lengthen the season," Mr. Masswohl said. "There is potential at both ends of the season."

N/C holding conference

Niagara College will be host to the next annual conference of the Ontario community college social service programs to be held next May.

This was learned at the 1975 conference held in Peterborough Oct. 16 and 17, which was attended by Murdoch Keith, social services program co-ordinator, Mrs. Goldie Filo, social services instructor, and two Niagara students in the program.

Mr. Keith said the purpose of such a conference is to "go into the areas of concern" of the social service programs in Ontario community colleges. These programs, he felt, seem "to be coming of age."

There was a good deal of concern over field work at this year's conference, Mr. Keith said. The need for "a good quality of educational experience" in field work placements was stressed.

The theme of next year's conference will be "a real sharing and development of teaching methods."

The conference which will run for three days will be planned in co-operation with Mohawk College of Hamilton, and Conestoga College of Kitchener.

English

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standards but our standards are the same." Class sizes are increasing.

He said part of the problem does lie in the high school credit system. To graduate from Grade 12, it is only necessary to have four credits based on four hours of English instruction per week.

Mr. Malone feels the English program at Niagara is very necessary. "There is a high correlation between failure in specialist courses and in H-EN-100."

The course teaches such "survival skills" as job applications.

First PC meeting held here only organizers turn out

The first meeting of the Niagara College Progressive Conservative club was held earlier this month but only two people attended—its two organizers.

Bev Delaney and John Bruce, two second year journalism students, were disappointed at the poor turnout but felt the reason was lack of advance notice.

"The lack of turnout does not necessarily mean lack of interest," Bev said. "Advance notice given to the meeting was short."

This club is just one of many across the province. They are members of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA)—an offshoot of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation.

The goal is political involvement, Bev said, but many social and community activities are a part of the program. Membership is open to all staff, faculty and students.

Bev and John plan to try again to organize the club. Bev asked anyone interested in joining to contact her in the Niagara Newsroom.

Vandals

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porting a foster child overseas. Shelly will report back to council on the practicality of this at the next council meeting.

SAC wanted to point out to all those extension students who have asked, that extension students at Niagara enjoy the same privileges at the pubs as do full-time students. All they require is to present their student's card at the door and sign in.

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Fun

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not."

Stating that the Niagara budget is less than the figure cited in the Star article, he added that some of the cost of pubs, which averages $400 per group, is offset by the profit. The first pub this term netted $180 profit.

Other entertainment costs on campus are not set, Jeff said. The cost of the movie "The Sting" shown on Oct. 28 was $250. There is no definite schedule or budget for such events.

SAC uses Canadian booking agencies for pub nite talent. Most of the acts used are Canadian. Two acts were booked by student request this fall and post-Christmas pub acts have not yet been chosen, Jeff said. Gary Nemcko, last year's vice-president of internal affairs, "taught me the ropes."

The conference held a mass talent audition for Canadian acts only. Five hundred delegates were to attend, with 170 representing schools and the rest being agents, managers and recording firm personnel.

SAC has also announced that it has booked the Atlas Hotel on Dec. 17, the last day of term, for a Christmas party which is open to all Niagara College students and staff.

Cat's Cradle place to find rare, unusual tropical fish

Looking for a good uaru, clown loach, goephagus or severum? If so, the Cat's Cradle is the place to go.

What's a u-a-r-u? And isn't the Cat's Cradle a Harry Chapin song?

Well, a uaru (pronounced warr-oo) is a rare tropical fish. And wrong, it's not a song. The Cat's Cradle is a pet shop specializing in tropical fish.

Located at Geneva and Welland Streets in St. Catharines, the Cat's Cradle is owned by Paul and Genevieve Tessier.

The store has a wide variety of tropical fish on display in its three 100-gallon tanks and 45 other smaller tanks.

One of the most interesting fish is the black piranha. This species is imported from South America, even though it is illegal to do so. But for some reason, once they are here, it is perfectly legal to own them.

It has several peculiarities which set it apart from other fish. One is that it has a chin. The mouth of the piranha is not at the front of the snout but it is higher up, giving the illusion of a chin.

The black piranha is a vicious carnivore and will attack anything that moves in its waters. As it eats out of instinct, it is always hungry.

A fish which is not readily found in aquarium shops but is at the Cat's Cradle is the Bala shark. Only three to five inches in length, the Bala shark is a scale model of a full-sized shark. It is bright silver with an ominous black dorsal fin.

An unusual fish which can be found at the Cat's Cradle is the butterfly. Where most fish are bottom-feeders and have a flat belly and a rounded back, the butterfly is a surface-feeder with a round belly and a flat top.

It is called a butterfly because of its large gull fins which resemble butterfly wings.

Twig catfish used to be very common but in the last 10 years they have all but disappeared.

"I'm sure that we half of the first shipment in the last 10 years," Mr. Tessier said.

There are several fish which have not been named or completely identified. One is the geophagus or earth-eater.

Another is the synodontis multipunctatus. This is a relatively rare form of catfish.

Other rare and unusual fish available are the alligator gar pike, ropefish, Raphael catfish, archers, and ruby scats.

Praise TM for benefits

Transcendental Meditation (TM) was praised for its benefits in mental and physical health in a seminar given on Oct.16.

The seminar, which was an introduction into the field of TM, was led by John FitzRandolf, a member of the Students International Meditation
Yogi is the leader of this present movement into TM.

TM is a method of meditation which seeks to achieve harmony between the mind and the body.The method itself is taught in seven steps:
1.) introductory talk,
2.)second dealing with mechanics,
3.)personal interview,
4.), 5.), 6.), 7.), four—day course, 1½ hours each day.

There are three other requirments:
1. time to attend four-day course,
2.) no drugs (other than by prescription) for 15 days prior to personal instruction.
3.)$60 (for students)

This method of meditation seeks to go to the source of thought which results in increased orderliness in the mind. This orderliness helps settle down mental activity, thereby relieving stress, said Mr. FitzRandolf.

He said when mental activity settles down, physical activity settles down, to improve health and give one more energy.

TM not only improves the individual but it also improves society, he said. It has been proven that if one per cent of the population meditates regularly the crime rate decreases by about nine per cent.

Further seminars on TM will be given regularly in St. Catharines, Fort Erie and Welland. The organization is listed in the Yellow Pages.